

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-713

September 22, 1998

MATINICUS PLANTATION ELECTRIC COMPANY
Request for a Waiver of
the Filing Deadline for Sample
Proposed Unbundled Bills,
Chapter 309 §4

ORDER OF APPROVAL

Welch, Chairman; Nugent, Commissioner

On September 15, 1998, Matinicus Plantation Electric Company (Matinicus) filed a request for a waiver of the September 1, 1998 deadline for submitting a sample, unbundled bill required by Chapter 309, §4 of the Commission's rules pending the outcome of its request for an exemption from the requirements of 35-A M.R.S.A. (with the exception of section 3502 and 3503) and any all rules promulgated in accordance with 35-A M.R.S.A. filed on September 11, 1998 with the Commission.

Pursuant to section 7 of Chapter 309 of the Commission's rules, the Director of the Consumer Assistance Division (CAD) may grant waiver requests, provided that "good cause" exists for granting the waiver and the waiver is consistent with the intent of the rule.

Matinicus has demonstrated "good cause" for requesting a waiver of the September 1, 1998, filing deadline for unbundled bills and granting of the waiver request submitted by Matinicus is consistent with the intent of Chapter 309, §4.

Accordingly it is

O R D E R E D

That the request for a waiver of the September 1, 1998, filing deadline for sample unbundled bills submitted by Matinicus is granted. In the event that the Commission rejects Matinicus' request for an exemption from the requirements of 35-A M.R.S.A. filed on September 11, 1998, Matinicus must file a sample unbundled bill with the Commission within 14 days of the date of the Commission Order rejecting said request.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 22nd day of September, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE CONSUMER ASSISTANCE DIVISION

Matthew F. Thayer

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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